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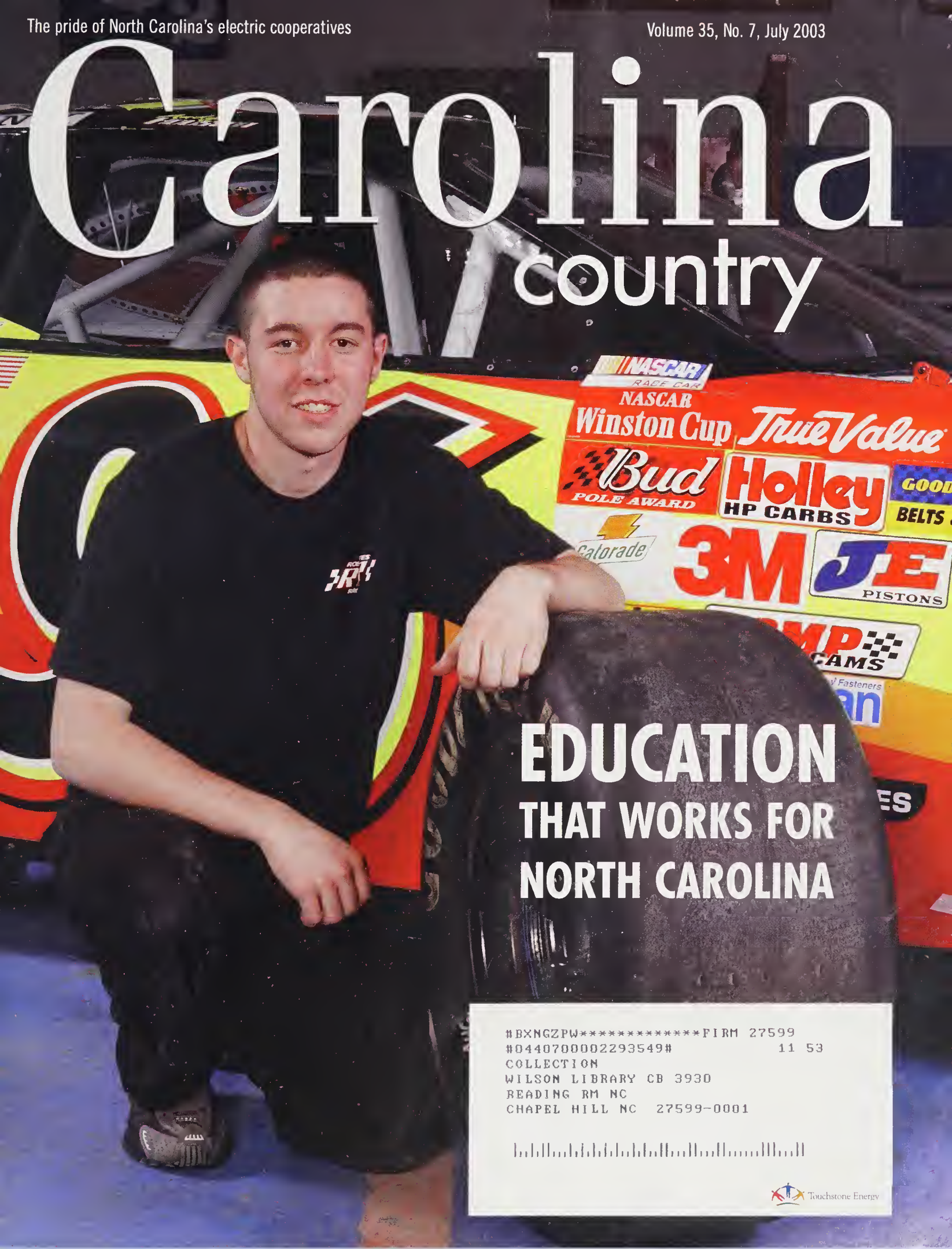


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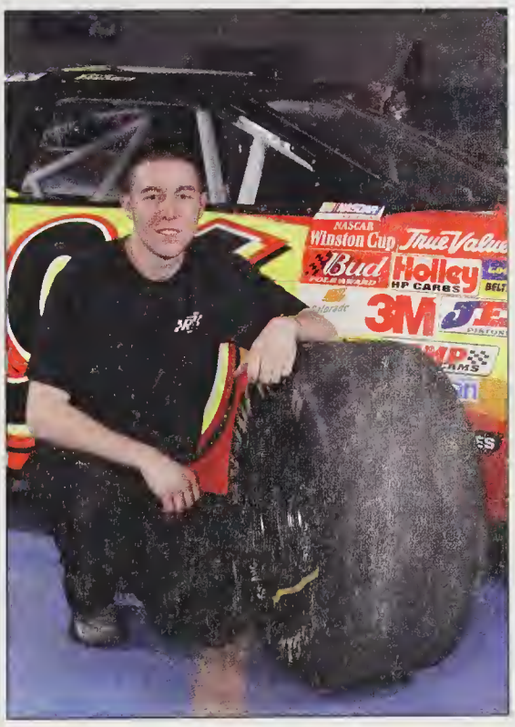



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Nathan Williams studied motorsports technology at Catawba Valley Community College and now helps build cars for Robert Yates Racing and driver Dale Jarrett. (Photo by Bob Huffman/Industrial Imaging, Hickory)

# Will new federal energy legislation affect your electric bill?

*Dean Carpenter speaking up for cooperatives in Washington, D.C.*

*By Dean Carpenter*

Representatives of your electric cooperative have been working with our congressional delegation to ensure that the proposed national energy legislation protects consumers and the cooperative way of business. We are especially concerned that any new federal policy does not contain provisions that could raise your electric rates.

In early May at a legislative conference in Washington, we met with members of Congress and Senators Elizabeth Dole and John Edwards to discuss these issues. Both the House of Representatives (H.R. 6) and Senate (S. 14) have versions of a national energy bill intended, in part, to address market abuses that took place in California in 2001. These abuses included unfair trade practices by the now bankrupt Enron and constraints in the nation's transmission system. The cooperatives agree that Congress should resolve these issues, but not by increasing your costs.

Our work has slowed the progress of the Senate energy bill, which many agree contained some troublesome provisions. The bill is no longer on the "fast track." Many senators have responded to cooperative concerns nationwide about unnecessary regulation that the Senate bill proposed.

The House energy bill passed in that chamber and moved to the Senate. The cooperatives have supported the House energy bill, because it recognizes the role cooperatives play in rural America. The House bill contains an exemption from unnecessary federal regulation for smaller utilities such as our state's electric cooperatives. We hope to have the same exemption placed in the Senate bill this summer.

Here are some of the specific issues that concern us.

## Unnecessary regulation

Some members of Congress want to increase the regulatory authority that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) would have over member-owned cooperatives while decreasing regulation on utilities owned by investors. The new regulations, they say, are a response to price spikes and market manipulations that occurred in recent years in California and the Midwest.

But the fact is, electric cooperatives did not participate in those questionable business practices. Our consumer members should not pay for Enron's misdeeds. We believe that the self-regulation that has controlled cooperatives for 60 years has been effective. We are reminding our congressional representatives that cooperatives are democratically-controlled businesses.

## Renewable fuels mandates

We oppose any efforts to require that a certain percentage of our electric power come from renewable energy sources. These types of mandates raise energy rates by forcing use of more expensive electricity. We support market incentives, such as tax credits, to encourage producers to use renewable energy sources. And we support North Carolina's Green Power program that may allow consumers themselves to chose voluntarily to pay a premium for renewable energy production.

## Transmission incentive rates

There is a pressing need, especially in the Southeast, for a more robust system of high-voltage transmission lines. But investment in the nation's transmission system has slowed. The utilities that own the transmission infrastructure are hoping for higher rates, and FERC is exercising its right to allow higher incentive rates. Co-ops typically have not built or bought transmission systems, but instead have paid to use the existing systems. Higher fees will have to be passed on to our consumer-members with little capital benefit to the cooperative. We are working to ensure that we have fair access to a transmission system we have sustained for many years.

## Relief from the 85/15 rule

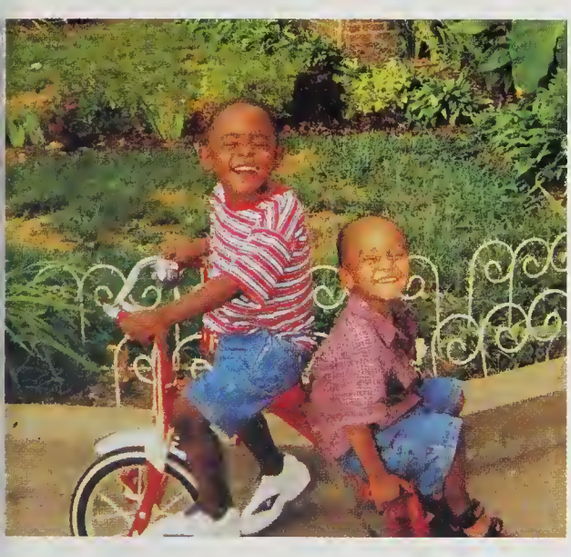
In order to maintain our nonprofit status and exemption from federal income taxes, cooperatives are required to generate at least 85 percent of our revenue directly from our members. Because cooperatives have opened new businesses in recent years to meet the needs of their regions, some of us have found it increasingly difficult to comply with the 85 percent rule. We hope to achieve some relief from this provision in the tax portions of the federal energy legislation.

## Tradable tax credits

The Senate bill allows federal tax credits for those who develop renewable energy resources. Because we are nonprofit organizations and exempt from federal income taxes, cooperatives would not benefit from this provision. We suggested that the bill allow the tax credits to be tradable, so that cooperatives that earn the tax credits can sell them and use the proceeds to further the development of renewable energy sources.

We will continue to follow the progress of federal energy legislation and will keep you informed.

Dean Carpenter is a director of Rutherford Electric Membership Corporation and president of the cooperatives' statewide services organization, the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives.



## Buddies

There's nothing better than looking at a couple of kids smiling on a hot summer's day. The natural look on their faces just makes you love life. Usually these boys would be having some kind of a fight, but they are getting along here.

So there's peace on the home front.

*Felicia Hall*
*Lincolnton*
*Rutherford EMC*

## July 4 in East Bend

Our great-granddaughter Paige Wakefield enjoyed the July 4th parade in East Bend last year when she was 3 ½.

*Eva Rachui*
*Tobaccoville*
*Surry-Yadkin EMC*

## Starving in Mississippi

Why do you torture me with a story about North Carolina food? ["Now That's GOOD!" June 2003] I am an EnergyUnited customer (Lexington) living in southern Mississippi, 700 miles away from hometown barbecue. Even with the finest Davidson County barbecue dip, Mississippi armadillo still tastes like...well... armadillo! And if that ain't bad enough, country ham is unheard of in these parts.

Please! Don't ever publish North Carolina good country eats again!

*Steve Leonard*
*Wiggins, MS*

## Womack Army Medical Center

This is a picture of Womack Army Medical Center on Fort Bragg (below), which serves 160,000 people. The Sandhills Utility Services, formed by four Touchstone Energy cooperatives, recently was chosen as the electric service provider for the facility, as well as for the rest of the post. The medical center's Shannon Lynch pointed out to us that the photo we ran in the June magazine ("Power to the Post") is actually a picture of the Col. Leland Holland barracks at Fort Bragg. We're sorry for the mistake.

*The Editors*

## Ocean Isle sunset

The only thing as beautiful as a North Carolina sunset is knowing that this lovely child realizes it is God's artwork. The child is my granddaughter, Olivia Ritch Bunch, of Gray's Creek, N.C., looking at the Inland Waterway on Ocean Isle beach last July.

*Rebecca Canady-Shabana*
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# We found our best watch in a history book

In 1923, a small watchmaker in Switzerland designed the first watch to display day, month, date, AM and PM. It is rumored that only 100 of these magnificent timepieces were made and this mechanical marvel was almost lost to history. Today, early chronographs from the 1920's designed in the Schaffhausen region are so rare that one original watch can fetch more than $300,000 at auction.

These watches were among the most stylish and complex of the roaring 20's. And yet no one has attempted to recreate the designs of these early chrongraphs until now. The watch design that you see here has been painstakingly created from designs in Watch history books printed in the 1920's. The watch even has a rotating AM/PM dial that graphically depicts the sun and the stars. The owner of this classic chronograph watch is sure to look distinguished since every detail from the sweeping second hand to the genuine leather strap has been carefully engineered. This reissue is a limited edition that comes with a certificate of authenticity so that you will be able to own a collectors watch far rarer than watches costing thousands more.

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# Edgecombe-Martin County EMC saves members' money by changing the light bulbs

Your electric cooperative continually reminds you of the hows and whys of energy conservation. These tips provide a range of solutions, from the simple to the complex, but they have the same bottom line: saving energy saves money.

One cooperative, Edgecombe-Martin County EMC in Tarboro, took its own message to heart by asking Lighting Solutions, Inc., a energy auditing firm, to look over its own offices and warehouse.

"Our facility was built back in 1990-91. We used the most energy efficient lighting available at that time," says Eddie Stocks, manager of Marketing & Member Services for the co-op. "Over the years, many efficiency improvements have been made available for lighting commercial offices and warehouse space."

TSE Services, a subsidiary of N.C. Electric Membership Corporation (the generation and transmission cooperative that buys power for the state's electric cooperatives), introduced Edgecombe-Martin County's staff to Lighting Solutions to help provide an energy audit for one of the co-op's industrial members. While meeting at the co-op's headquarters, Roger Lane, who owns Lighting Solutions based in Knightdale, identified several opportunities for the co-op to upgrade its own lighting.

During February, lighting fixtures for the truck shed, warehouse and office were upgraded to help conserve energy costs and provide better lighting. The audit estimated that new lighting equipment could save approximately $9,000 a year on the co-op's power bill. The co-op's board considered the savings significant and the costs for the upgrade very worthwhile in providing energy-efficient lighting to control future expenses through longer bulb life and less maintenance. The new lighting also emits cooler temperatures while still providing more light.

"We have only had the system in place for two months," reports Stocks. "During that time period, the kilowatt demand on our facility has dropped by an average of 35 kw, and energy savings averaged 11,500 kwh per month thus far."

*Jorge Alves, of Lighting Solutions, Inc., rewires an existing fixture with a higher efficient ballast and bulb for the Edgecombe-Martin County EMC office.*

# Scott Poole is appointed administrator at NCREA

*Scott Poole (left) administrator of the N.C. Rural Electrification Authority, greets Travis Davis, manager of Harkers Island EMC, at the EMC's annual meeting in May.*

Gov. Mike Easley has appointed Scott Poole as the eighth administrator of the North Carolina Rural Electrification Authority. He succeeds Inez C. McLean, who served as executive manager from 1999 until her retirement in April.

Poole comes to the NCREA from Progress Energy of the Carolina, where he worked 18 years.

The NCREA was formed in 1935, a few months before President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed legislation creating the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) that enabled rural people nationwide to form cooperatives and build electric distribution systems for themselves. Gwyn B. Price of Ashe County, "the father of North Carolina's electric cooperatives," served as NCREA administrator under nine governors from 1941 to 1972. Today, as an agency within the state government's Department of Commerce, the NCREA reviews all electric and telephone co-op applications for federal funding, and it investigates co-op member complaints.

The NCREA is composed of five board members appointed by the governor, an administrator appointed by the governor, and one administrative staff person. The board members are directors or managers of electric or telephone cooperatives, and they each serve four-year terms. State government funded the NCREA until 1991, when co-ops joined the funding process through assessments applied according to the size of their membership and distribution systems.

Board members are Alice E. Wilson of Edgecombe-Martin County EMC, L. Calvin Duncan of Brunswick EMC, Joseph G. Justice of French Broad EMC, Buddy Creed of South River EMC, and Molly C. Gambill of Skyline Telephone. The administrative assistant is Debbie Owens.

# Rutherford EMC general manager receives the Order of the Long Leaf Pine award

Gary A. Whitener, general manager of Rutherford Electric Membership Corporation, has been awarded North Carolina's highest civilian award: the Order of the Long Leaf Pine award. The award is given to individuals who have a proven record of service to the state through a long history of community involvement and leadership.

Whitener was surprised when he was presented the award during services at his church, Providence Baptist, by state representative Mitchell Setzer.

*State Rep. Mitchell Setzer (left), Republican from Catawba, presented the Order of the Long Leaf Pine to Gary Whitener this spring.*

"This is such an honor and I am very humbled to receive the award," he said Whitener. "I have always cared deeply about this community and considered it a privilege to devote my time to contributing to Catawba County in any way that I can."

Whitener, 63, served as a Catawba County commissioner for 12 years, seven as chairman. He also has served on the county's Economic Development Commission, the Board of Trustees for Catawba Memorial Hospital, the Catawba County Mental Health Board, the Governing Board for Western North Carolina Health System Agencies, as an advisory board member for BB&T, and as PTO president in the Catawba County school system.

On a statewide level, Whitener serves on the board of directors for North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation and Tarheel Electric Membership Association. He also serves on the advisory board for First Citizens Bank and the board for Southeastern Data Corporation. He formerly served on the Governor's Crime Commission and the National Advisory Council on Rural Development.

In addition to running Rutherford Electric Membership Corporation, he is president and chief executive officer of Carolina Energies. Rutherford EMC serves about 60,000 members in 10 counties from district offices in Forest City, Morganton and Crouse.

He lives in Hickory with his wife, Linda. He has three grown children, Gaye Watts, Keith Whitener and Kevin Whitener, and six grandchildren.

# Representing you in Washington

North Carolina's electric cooperative delegates met with members of Congress this spring in Washington, D.C., to discuss matters concerning the co-ops and their communities. Republican Sen. Elizabeth Dole (at right) was led into the meeting room by Gary A. Whitener, general manager of Rutherford Electric. Democratic Rep. Mike McIntyre of Lumberton met with delegates in his office, including directors from Lumbee River EMC (below).

John Clagett

# Community colleges really work for North Carolina

## The statewide community college system developed 40 years ago has become a model for the nation

Don McKenzie

***Beauty All Around***

*Some of the state's most beautiful gardens grow at Sandhills Community College in Pinehurst. The 32 acres of the Sandhills Horticultural Gardens began in 1978 with the Ebersole Holly Garden, the largest accessible holly collection on the East Coast. Over the years, additional gardens have been added, including the Rose Garden, the Conifer Garden, the Sir Walter Raleigh Garden, the Hillside Garden, the Fruit & Vegetable Garden, and the Desmond Native Wetland Trail Garden. Students in the college's Landscape Gardening program design and care for the gardens. Graduates supervise gardens at the White House, Thomas Jefferson's Monticello and other prestigious estates. For information: www.[illegible].nc.us/lsg/hort.html*

Forty years ago, North Carolina's General Assembly created a statewide community college system that has become a model for the nation. Our community college system is rivaled only by those in Texas and California. Approximately 800,000 students are enrolled in 58 community colleges and the North Carolina Center for Applied Textile Technology.

The system has attracted notice internationally as well. Educators from Thailand, Russia, Japan, England, Senegal, Moldova, Mexico and Peru have visited North Carolina in the past three years to learn more about our community college system.

Community colleges open the door to hundreds of careers, ranging from biotechnology to computer systems, from health care to electric line construction. They prepare two-thirds of the state's registered nurses, 95 percent of firefighters and 80 percent of law enforcement officers. They teach basic literacy, offer adults a second chance at high school, give the unemployed new job skills and show budding entrepreneurs the nuts and bolts of running a business.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the legislation that merged the state's industrial education centers and fledgling community colleges into a comprehensive system. In 1963, the state had 20 industrial education centers, six community colleges and five extension units. Most started in the years following World War II, when state officials realized that education was essential for North Carolina to thrive in an industrial economy.

Spearheading the effort for a community college system was Dallas Herring, then chair of the State Board of Education. Herring proposed a program of industrial education centers which later became community colleges.

"Community colleges are leading the way in North Carolina's progress toward economic recovery, growth and change," said H. Martin Lancaster, system president.

For more information, call your local community college or the North Carolina Community College System Office in Raleigh at (919) 733-7051, extension 307.

Here are some facts about the system and examples of educational activities under way at today's community colleges. Thanks to Peggy Beach, Audrey Bailey and the North Carolina Community College System Office for compiling these examples and pictures. See more at the Web site: www.ncccs.cc.nc.us

## The Oldest and Youngest

Mitchell Community College in Statesville has the longest history of any institution within the state's community college system. Chartered in the 1850s as a Presbyterian college for women, it became a public community college in 1973. Two institutions vie for the title of "youngest." South Piedmont Community College, serving Anson and Union counties, was chartered in 1999 as a successor to Anson Community College. Brunswick Community College in Supply is the most recent college created "from scratch," opening in 1979.

## Strengthening Businesses

In 1998, Gates Rubber announced it was leaving Ashe County, eliminating more than 400 jobs. Ashe County and North Carolina Department of Commerce officials worked with Wilkes Community College's New and Expanding Industry Training personnel to create a proposal to keep Gates in the county. The plan worked. Now, thanks in large part to training offered by Wilkes Community College, a redesigned and upgraded Gates Corporation employs more workers than the original company. The New and Expanding Industry Program (NEIT) started in 1958 and was the first customized training program in the nation to create and keep jobs for the state's businesses and industries. The program, offered by each college in the system, provides free customized training for new and expanding companies in all regions of North Carolina. Nearly 15,000 individuals received training at more than 150 new or expanding companies last year.

## Industrial Education Roots

An IEC was an Industrial Education Center, part of a network of technical and vocational institutions for adults authorized by the General Assembly in 1957 and approved by the State Board of Education in 1958. The first seven funded were in Burlington, Durham, Goldsboro, Greensboro-High Point, Leaksville (now Eden), Wilmington and Wilson. These and 13 other IECs became part of the new North Carolina Community College System with the passage of the landmark legislation in May 1963.

## Trusting in Local Leadership

Local boards of trustees govern the institutions of the North Carolina Community College System. The local boards of education, county commissioners and the governor appoint members to the community college board. Most colleges have a student representative on the board as a non-voting member. Together, those boards include more than 800 men and women dedicated to making sure that community colleges really work for all North Carolinians. For more information about local trustees, contact the N.C. Association of Community College Trustees at (919) 467-9754.

## Long Distance Learning

Community college students don't have to travel very far to attend classes on a local campus, but many don't even leave home to take a class. Distance learning in the system has exploded in popularity. Overall, 75,415 enrollments were tracked in 2001-2002. This represents a growth rate of around 48 percent. Students can also enroll online. The number who have enrolled via the Internet has grown by 75 percent per year since 1999.

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Bob Huffman/Industrial Imaging

***Racing to a Brighter Future***

*Nathan Williams grew up tinkering with cars. Now, the 18-year-old earns a living fabricating roofs for the #38 and #88 Ford Winston Cup racecars fielded by the Robert Yates Racing team and driven by Winston Cup champion Dale Jarrett. It's a busy schedule; Williams and his team crank out a new racecar every 10 working days. Williams is a graduate of the Bobby Issac Motorsports Technology Program at Catawba Valley Community College in Hickory. "I always wanted to work in racing," says Williams. He had previous welding experience, he said, "But I wouldn't have gotten the job without the education." The Motorsports program has been offered since 1997, and many graduates have gone on to pursue careers in the racing industry. For more information about the Bobby Issac Motorsports Program: http://cce.cvcc.edu/?a=race.*

Wilson Technical Community College

***Moving Mountains***

*Wilson Technical Community College's Heavy Equipment Program is one of only a few offered in the country. Students learn to move earth and much more. They operate and maintain bulldozers, front-end loaders and other machines required for construction of buildings and roads. The diploma and certificate programs provide extensive hands-on training for the profession. The college has two training sites, each more than 20 acres in size. Students train on equipment that is assigned exclusively to them for the entire semester. Students come from all over the eastern United States and beyond. For more information: http://www.wilsontech.cc.nc.us/diploma1.html.*

## Re-training Dislocated Workers

The Human Resources Development (HRD) program has focused on basic employability skills for more than 30 years. Over the last three years, HRD enrollment has increased 40 percent, mainly because of the rise in dislocated workers affected by plant closings and layoffs. The HRD program last year was awarded a $52,000 grant from the Rural Internet Access Authority to offer computer literacy training. The training focuses on personal and work-related tasks. In 2001, more than 4,600 students completed a computer literacy course.

## Preserving History

Scientists have found an archeological site in Burke County of a Spanish fort that predates the Lost Colony of Roanoke by at least 20 years. Humanities students at Western Piedmont Community College, located in Morganton, have helped excavate the site.

## Keeping North Carolina Safe

Tommy Lee Davis, an officer with the North Carolina Highway Patrol in the Halifax County area, began his career with the Roanoke Rapids Police Department after receiving law enforcement training at Halifax Community College. Davis is just one example of the tens of thousands of North Carolinians now on the job in public safety, firefighting and emergency medical response, thanks to community colleges. Community colleges trained more than 80 percent of North Carolina's law enforcement officers and 90 percent of the state's firefighters and emergency medical technicians last year. More than 200,000 fire and rescue, law enforcement, and emergency medical technicians received certification or re-certification training last year at a North Carolina community college.

## Horsing Around

There is virtually no area of the state where a horse farm is not within a few miles drive. Valued at $750 million annually, the Tar Heel horse industry provides jobs through the many breeding, training and boarding stables. Martin Community College in Williamston offers an Equine Technology curriculum designed to prepare students for positions within the horse industry. The curriculum is management oriented, preparing graduates for the widest range of available equine jobs; areas of specialization may be pursued during the internship. Farm management, breeding, nutrition, selection, judging and health are covered in detail. Training, teaching and riding are also included. For more information: http://www.martin.cc.nc.us/academic/default.htm.

## Hablamos el Español

The Spanish-speaking population of North Carolina is increasing exponentially. North Carolina's Hispanic population grew by almost 400 percent between 1990 and 2000. This growth has led to a tremendous need for workplace bilingual training. Since 1998, the demand for this training has increased by 63 percent. North Carolina's community colleges offer workplace Spanish training for non-Spanish speakers in business and industry, law enforcement, fire and rescue squads and medical emergency agencies. The colleges also offer workplace training in Spanish for Spanish-speaking students. Course offerings include: Introduction to Computers, Welding, Basic Construction Skills & Carpentry, Automotive Maintenance, Manufacturing Skills Certification and many others. Para más información, contacte su colegio local de la comunidad.

## Lights, Camera, Action

They make movies at Piedmont Community College. Students in the college's Film and Video Production Technology curriculum learn production basics. Several of the videos produced by students at the college have aired on television and won awards. Cape Fear Community College also offers the program. Entertainers in need of a manager might find a graduate of the Entertainment Technology program at Guilford Technical Community College. This curriculum prepares individuals for entry-level entertainment jobs and also prepares students to manage careers. At Randolph Community College, individuals can pursue an associate degree in Photographic Technology/Photojournalism. For a more technical form of expression, Digital Effects and Animation is offered, also at Piedmont.

Surry Community College

***Pressing a New Economy***

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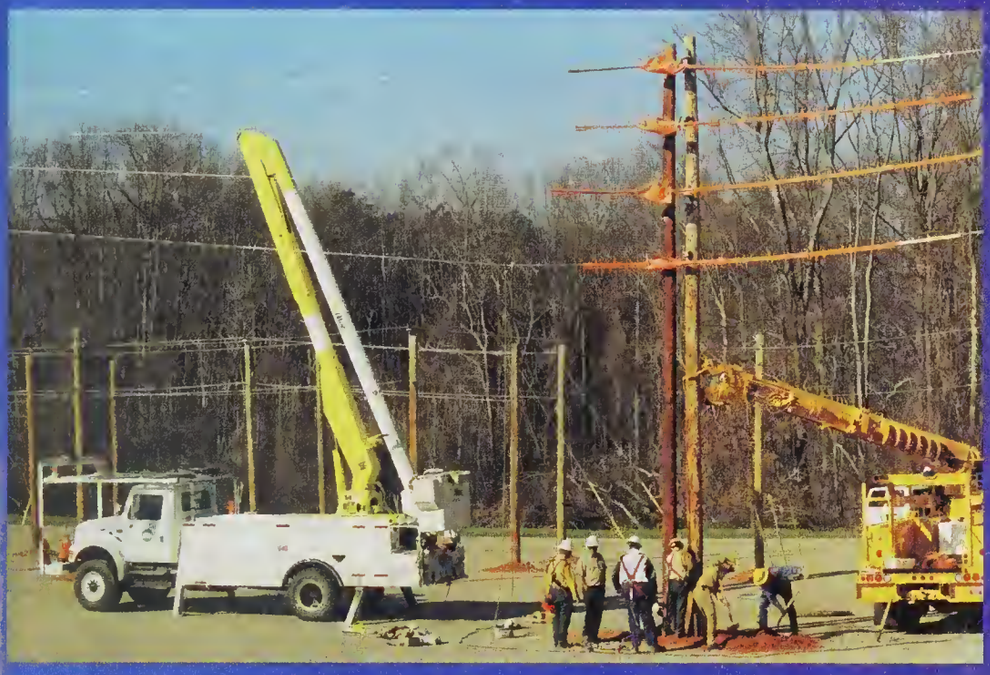

***Electric cooperative linemen learning about transmission lines at Nash Community College.***

## The Educated Lineman

Nash Community College is home to one of the most respected electric linemen training programs in the nation. A training field on the campus has poles, a substation and power lines, including overhead, underground and transmission lines.

The training field, as well as a curriculum that can earn a student an associate's degree, were developed by the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives in conjunction with Nash Community College.

As part of their job requirements, electric linemen must participate in a training series that teaches more about the job through each stage. The cooperatives' training program meets the standards of the N.C. Department of Labor as an apprenticeship program. The purpose is to ensure that linemen have a thorough knowledge of the principles of electrical distribution systems and all safety practices needed to work on them. The apprenticeship program includes 8,000 hours of documented, on-the-job training taught by linemen who already have completed training, plus 576 hours of related instruction.

For electric cooperative linemen in this state, most of the 576 hours of course instruction takes place at Nash, ranging from basic principles of electricity through several levels of overhead and underground line construction. Instruction takes place on the training field, but some involves classroom time and videotape lessons.

The degree program can earn a linemen an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Electric Lineman Technology. Achieving the degree requires additional electric technology courses, plus courses in writing, mathematics, communications, computers, cooperative business principles, and electrical computations. Many of the general education courses are available to linemen not only at their local community colleges, but also as videotapes and on-line through personal computers. So far, 115 linemen have participated in the program, and three have earned their degrees.

For more information:

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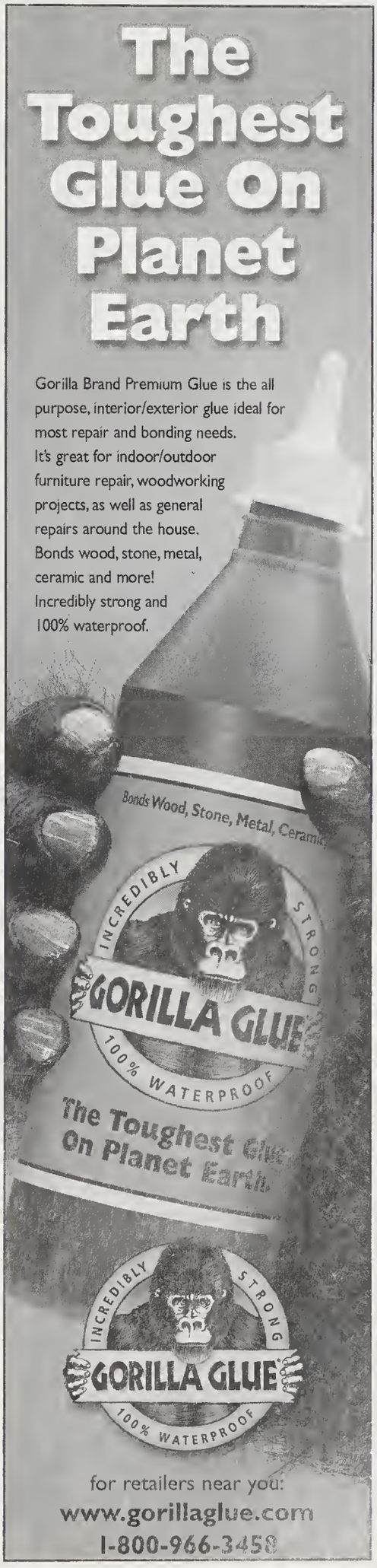
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*Alumni from 1929-39, Panther Branch School, Juniper Level vicinity, Wake County. July 2000.*

# Where Were the Rosenwald Schools?

**Once a center of rural black communities, the schools showed how local people dedicated themselves to public education. North Carolina communities built more of them than any other state.**

*By Patricia Staino*

Photos courtesy of the N.C. Division of Archives and History

You'll find them down back roads, overgrown by weeds and brush. You'll find them still in use, although they may be masquerading as houses, storefronts or barns. You'll find what's left of them, dilapidated and decaying. One thing is certain—you won't find them without effort.

North Carolina was home to more Rosenwald schools than any other state in the country. Built between 1917 and 1932, these small, wooden structures are located in the state's rural counties, and once served as the center of rural black community life. Now an effort is under way to find, identify and record the locations of these schools before the structures disappear altogether. But even if the buildings are gone, the legacy of the Rosenwald schools is a cornerstone in the foundation of North Carolina's public education system.

"This was the first time a concerted effort was made to improve educational facilities for African-Americans," said Claudia Brown, architectural survey coordinator at the state's Office of Historic Preservation Survey and Planning Branch. "There were public schools for them, but there was a difference in the quality. With the Rosenwald schools it wasn't just about the money; it was that they showed an interest and provided plans and materials."

The schools are named for Julius Rosenwald, who at the time of the program's inception was the president of Sears, Roebuck and Company. Rosenwald had become friendly with black educator Booker T. Washington and began making charitable donations to the black secondary schools and colleges that Washington's Tuskegee Institute was helping to establish. Washington asked if a small portion of one $25,000 gift could be used for elementary school programs and Rosenwald agreed, with one stipulation; rather than give the money to black communities, he wanted to match funds that the people had raised themselves to fund the schools. A couple of years later, he set up the Rosenwald Fund to continue this work on a larger scale.

"The schools are important in North Carolina history because they really show how communities, some very small, could come together, raise the money and commit human resources to building high-quality schools," said Deanna Kerrigan, external programs manager of the North Carolina Museum of History, which began in June offering teachers an online workshop about the Rosenwald schools in African-American history.

All but seven of the state's counties had at least one Rosenwald school, although most are concentrated in the piedmont and coastal plain.

In the early 20th century, education was greatly affected by a town's or city's wealth or lack of it. There was no federal education regulation, and people believed schools were the local governments' responsibility. The wealthy white neighborhoods had the money for good facilities and programs, but many rural communities, particularly the black communities, faced short school years, substandard buildings (often those abandoned by white schools) and teachers with little schooling themselves.

For Rosenwald, the goal of the fund went beyond building schools and improving black education. He hoped that the program would

help promote positive interaction between the black and white communities that culminated in working together toward a common cause. His conditions for granting the money to communities were that the state and county contribute to the building of the facility and agree to maintain it as part of the public school system; that white citizens contribute part of the money and take an interest in the school; and that black citizens show a desire for education by contributing money or labor to the project.

Rosenwald schools could cost up to $4,000 to build, and those living in the rural communities were hard-pressed to spare their own livelihood to support them. When an administrator approached a community about building a school, there was usually a kickoff fundraising rally followed by a number of fundraising activities. Some of the plans included planting and selling cotton and raising hogs and chickens for the profits, and even felling their own lumber for the construction, hauling it themselves and processing it in their own mills.

During the time of the fund's school-building activities, more than 5,300 buildings were erected in 15 southern states. North Carolina was the leader with more than 830 schools.

"Mr. Rosenwald always spoke of the leadership role in North Carolina in spending his money," said Nyoni Collins, project director of the North Carolina Rosenwald Schools Community Project and founder of the Sankofa Center. "His only complaint was that we weren't spending it fast enough. He believed that fund money should be spent during the life of the philanthropist."

***Lincoln Park School, 1272 South Currant Street, Pinebluff, Moore County. August 1996.***

Collins began gathering the oral histories of the Rosenwald schools and students after learning that her father had taught at one of the schools in Alabama and that her mother had attended one as a child. She began conducting workshops in various communities and encouraged attendees to look at documentation that was available to the public.

In 2000, she turned to the Office of Historic Preservation to make use of its records for her research, and the Rosenwald Schools Community Project was born.

The Office of Historic Preservation is now undertaking a project to identify and log sites where Rosenwald schools stood and still stand.

"Finding these schools isn't easy," said Claudia Brown. "Properties are listed in records by names without addresses, some place names aren't in use anymore, some structures are in backwoods that are overgrown."

Brown's office didn't have the funds to launch the search internally, so last year it began to solicit volunteers.

About 40 volunteers across the state are working to find and document the Rosenwald schools in their communities. Recording the details of each school in the public record is the first step in preserving the buildings by raising interest and awareness.

"We've never done anything on this scale before on a volunteer basis," said Brown. "We usually fund these activities with a federal grant and hire a professional to do the survey. But we're much more likely to be successful by using volunteers, because they live in the community and have an interest...and [they] get information a professional wouldn't get, like the oral history and personal experiences."

In addition to providing money for the schools, the Rosenwald fund's administrators provided the actual blueprints to save communities the costs of hiring architects. Because of this, the schools usually had one to seven classrooms, were made of weatherboard with brick chimneys, were white, gray or brown, and were situated on two acres of land. Unfortunately, many of the schools were left abandoned after the civil rights movement and busing integrated the public school systems.

"People may pass by Rosenwald schools every day," said Collins. "These people know their own communities. It is my hope that they will be able to assist us on a statewide level in learning more about these schools, their locations and their histories. North Carolina was a leading state in construction of the schools, number of students served and the amount of money raised. The state should be rightfully proud of the community commitment to building these schools. It would not have happened without strong community leadership and strong state commitment."

Collins believes that collecting the stories of the schools and the oral histories of the students is just as important as finding and preserving the buildings. The schools are not well-known today because, in addition to Rosenwald being reluctant to aggrandize his name in connection with his philanthropy, most of the people who attended these schools are no longer alive. Those who are living are now well into their 80s, and Collins says it needs to be a priority to record their memories and experiences.

Administrators of the fund shut down the school-building program in 1932. Many believed it had failed to have the long-term, far-reaching effect Julius Rosenwald had anticipated, and they wanted to turn the fund's focus to activities that would better promote interracial cooperation. They were discouraged by studies that showed black education was falling even further behind the education provided for white students. While the state's investment in black education increased from $1.28 million in 1919 to $4.53 million in 1927, the investment in white education jumped from $10.69 million to $50.05 million in the same time period.

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But many still believe the Rosenwald schools laid the foundation for the changes in the state's education system that came later in the century. The program showed that the interest in public education existed in the community but that it needed federal intervention to thrive.

"These schools are important to the history of North Carolina as a whole, not just to African American history," said Deanna Kerrigan at the Museum of History. "They really paint a picture of how resourceful rural communities were and are."

*Patricia Staino is a freelance writer in Raleigh.*

**To help the Rosenwald Schools project find remaining schools and sites:**

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**To help with oral histories of alumni:**

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## North Carolina Rosenwald Schools on the National Register Study List

**Durham County**
*Russell School, Lebanon vicinity*

**Franklin County**
*Concord Elementary School, Kittrell*

**Gaston County**
*Reid Rosenwald Teacherage, Belmont*

**Gates County**
*(Former) Corapeake School, Corapeake vicinity*

**Halifax County**
*Allen Grove School, Allen Grove vicinity*

**Henderson County**
*East Flat Rock High School, East Flat Rock*

**Martin County**
*Burroughs School, Williamston vicinity*

**Mecklenburg County**
*Newell Rosenwald School, Charlotte*
*Rockwell Rosenwald School, Charlotte*

**Nash County**
*Spring Hope Colored High School (C. C. Spaulding High School), Spring Hope*

**Pender County**
*(Former) Canetuck Rosenwald School, Still Bluff vicinity*

**Richmond County**
*Covington Rosenwald School, Covington vicinity*
*Diggs Rosenwald School, Diggs vicinity*

**Stanly County**
*Kingville Rosenwald School, Albemarle*
*New London Colored School, New London vicinity*

**Tyrrell County**
*Alligator Schoolhouse, Columbia vicinity*

**Union County**
*Lane School, Trinity*

**Washington County**
*Formerly Washington County Training School, Plymouth*

**Wayne County**
*Carver Elementary School, Mount Olive*

**Wilkes County**
*Lincoln Heights High School, Wilkesboro*

***Ware Creek School, Blounts Creek vicinity, Beaufort County. July 1994.***

## North Carolina Rosenwald Schools Listed In The National Register Of Historic Places

**Beaufort County**
*Ware Creek School, Washington vicinity*

**Forsyth County**
*Atkins High School, Winston-Salem*

**Hertford County**
*C. S. Brown School Auditorium, Winton*

**Lee County**
*Lee County Training School (W. B. Wicker School), Sanford*

**Mecklenburg County**
*Billingsville School, Charlotte*

**Moore County**
*Lincoln Park School, Pinebluff vicinity*

**Pasquotank County**
*Model Practice School, a contributing building in the Elizabeth City State Teachers College Historic District, Elizabeth City*

**Randolph County**
*Central School (Randolph County Training School), Asheboro*

**Rowan County**
*Granite Quarry School, Granite Quarry*

**Stokes County**
*Walnut Cove Colored School/London School, Walnut Cove*

**Wake County**
*W.E.B. Dubois School, Wake Forest*
*Panther Branch School (Juniper Level School), Juniper Level*
*Riley Hill School, Wendell vicinity*
*St. Matthews School, Raleigh vicinity*

# Why I Went Back to School

We knew a guy who was always in school. Even after graduating, he pursued higher and higher education. As far as we knew, he had never left school to enter the work world. We called him "Continuing Ed."

The stories on these pages go in the other direction. They tell of your experiences returning to school — to complete high school, to learn new skills, to know the feeling of holding a degree, to do something for family, neighbors and society in general. It's remarkable how large a role our state community college system plays in furthering education and pride.

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*— Michael E.C. Gery*

*When I began to debate the prospect of returning to college at age 46, I said to my friend and advisor, "But I will be fifty when I finish school." She replied, "You will be fifty anyway."*

*— Bonnie R. Morgan*

### A place for the displaced

Some would say it was the worst day of their lives. I say it was the beginning of a bright future — my bright future. During 1996, several textile businesses shut their doors. We were given a choice: Relocate to another sewing factory (NOT!) or take a chance and start anew.

With the help of a supportive husband, I chose to start anew.

The Employment Security Commission's displaced workers program gave me the opportunity to go to Carteret Community College and earn a degree in microcomputer sciences. The challenge of returning to school after so many years was overwhelming. But what a feeling of pride I had on my graduation day. My family watched their mother, wife and daughter — who entered college as a displaced factory worker — graduate college to become a police communicator with the Morehead City Police Department.

I am now going on the sixth year of my career, one that I would never have felt qualified for had it not been for returning to school. For those of you who think there is nothing else out there, take the chance.

*Sandra Martine*
*Newport*
*Carteret-Craven Electric*

### To help in medical emergencies

I went back to school at the age of 57 in January of 1994. It was my first month of retirement, and I was determined to find something worthwhile to do. So I enrolled at Sandhills Community College in the emergency medical technician class. I was the oldest student in the class.

I had always wanted to become a member of a volunteer medical squad. My dad was a volunteer when I was a boy, so it runs in the family.

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Robert Hann, EMT.

When I finished the class, I took the North Carolina E.M.T. exam and became a member of Seven Lakes Emergency Medical Services, Inc.

I have been able to assist my elderly neighbors with things as simple as getting up from the floor after losing their balance. I have helped some people have a second chance at life after they went into cardiac arrest. And I have been able to comfort those who were inevitably dying.

I continue to go to classes at least once a month to keep my E.M.T. certification current, and I go to additional seminars to learn specialized skills. The rewards are limitless.

*Robert Haan*
*Seven Lakes*
*Randolph EMC*

## To learn Spanish

While working for a surgeon whose practice had a high number of Spanish-speaking patients, I decided to go back to high school to learn Spanish. I was a registered nurse and had taken the community college courses, which were geared for travel and not everyday communication.

I asked the school board for permission to take Spanish I during the first period every day at the local high school. I informed them that I was a property owner in the town and paid school taxes for many years, and that I understood that the classes were not full and I would be forever grateful if they could grant me a seat. I was granted my request.

The first day of school the class was full of 14-year-olds, and I was 41. After an initial adjustment on my part, I began to see the students were not about to let this "old lady" get the best of them. And I was not going to let the students get ahead of me. It made for a very competitive atmosphere, and in the end, a very admirable respect for each other. Both the students and I were high achievers, and I felt the age difference was valuable to everyone. We all tried harder and achieved our goal of learning the language.

When I had to miss the last three weeks of class, the students gave me a going-away party with cupcakes and a "good luck" card, written in Spanish, and signed by each individual. I still have that card, and that was 20 years ago.

*Judith A. Cook, RN*
*Taylorsville*
*EnergyUnited*

## Praying for support

After graduation from high school, I got my associate's degree. Then, the place where I worked offered me many opportunities, so I decided to stay. During the next nine years, I married and had a beautiful daughter.

But I always wanted to be a teacher.

When my daughter was born, my craving to be a teacher returned. I was teaching her new things every day, and it brought pure joy. I prayed about it and went back to school.

It was hard on my family and me when I was both going to school and working. I needed health insurance and money to help with bills. I could not get financial help for school, because I was married and my husband worked.

So I told the Lord I needed $10,000, and he gave it to me. I registered for a drawing along with about 400,000 other people and won. The prize was $10,000!

In the spring of 2002, I graduated from Western Carolina University with honors. I am a fourth grade teacher at Riverbend Elementary, and I love it. This "back to school" experience is one that I

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will never forget, and would do it all over again. I thank God and my family for seeing me through.

*Jill Mann*
*Canton*
*Haywood EMC*

### To overcome the odds

After high school graduation, I was told I wasn't smart enough to go to college. I watched my friends get degrees, and I kept all my hurts inside.

In 2001, my mother was dying of cancer, and I quit my job to take care of her. Following her death, many people suggested that I return to school because of the excellent care that I gave her.

In April 2002, my husband sat up in bed, had an instant heart attack and died. I became the breadwinner of the house and had to make significant decisions. Rejection, hurts and fears all came, but I decided to be an "overcomer."

In May 2002, I enrolled in Brunswick Community College. Anatomy was a particularly difficult subject. One look at the book, and I went to my car and threw up, twice. However, through hard work, I made an A on the final exam.

Studying helps me not miss my husband and mother so much. Returning to school is making me a whole person with new ambitions for life. Going to school is helping me to be an excellent provider for my 12-year-old daughter. It is never too late to go to school.

*Beverly Moore*
*Supply*
*Brunswick EMC*

### To teach in eastern North Carolina

I graduated from college at age 21. But settling into a career was not as easy as I had planned. During the first two years after graduation, I had a series of jobs. By 1977, I had a modest position at a nearby television station. From the outside looking in, it appeared to be a nice deal. I knew differently however. I just wasn't a TV kind of guy.

Still in contact with my college friends, I longed for some of the same adventures they were taking. Trips to Europe, to California, to New York. All these things seemed mighty nice. And mighty unlikely. I didn't have that kind of money.

The television station where I worked had a savings plan for its employees. So I started putting money aside. Over the months I saved a sizable amount. But where would I go? What adventure would I take?

The funny thing about actually saving money is that you realize how hard it is to scrape it together. And the more I saved, the more I realized that I wanted to invest that money instead of spending it on a larger-than-life vacation.

So in the summer of 1977, I started taking education courses at the local university. I hadn't exactly wanted to teach, but I knew that teaching is dependable income for eastern North Carolina. I love both eastern North Carolina and my family, so I decided to get teaching certificates in public education and ended up staying near the coast.

That was over 25 years ago. My teaching career has included experiences on the junior high school, university and community college levels. I've had some of the best students any person could ask for. Teaching is fun and rewarding in many ways. I guess I turned out to be a teacher kind of guy.

But it all began with a savings plan and the decision to invest. I'm still getting the best kind of dividends from that investment. And not all of them can be measured in dollars and cents.

*Kerry David Cox*
*Washington*
*Tideland EMC*

### To get a pair of eyes

I am visually impaired. I went back to school to get some new eyes.

Southeastern Guide Dogs, Inc., is a training school for the blind in Palmetto, Fla. I trained for 26 days with my best friend, Jost. I toured the campus on my first two days there and was told about the guide dogs. I was also given a leash to break in Jost, who I met on the third day. The trainer matched me to Jost by my voice and walk. We trained together for 23 days. During this time I learned different commands with Jost, and we got to know each other.

In the second week, we were taken to Tampa for rigorous training. We crossed streets, learned about curbs and how to listen for traffic. On Saturday and Sunday afternoons, we had playtime. We took walks together and played with toys.

Jost is my eyes. He is the best thing that has happened to me. Now I have independence and freedom to walk without being afraid.

*Calvin Allison*
*Lincolnton*
*Rutherford EMC*

### To start over in the Army

It was January 1951, and I left home without it — my high school diploma, that is.

Five months before graduating, I joined the Army and within 48 hours I was on a train leaving Raleigh for basic training. The first few days of pre-basic were devoted to testing — lots of testing. My good test scores did not make up for not having that diploma.

I soldiered very hard and made rewarding advancements, but I realized there was a serious price to pay for being a high school dropout. I completed my 3-year enlistment and returned to my original high school. I was the "old man" of the class but much wiser. I graduated with those kids and this time, with diploma in hand, I re-enlisted and started my military career all over. That is why I went back to school.

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Many months later I attended Officer Candidate School (OCS) and served the rest of my career as a commissioned officer. Following retirement, I continued a second career with the civil service.

Take it from an old soldier: If you leave home without your schooling, go back and get it, whatever level you need to make your dreams come true. You will be more than glad you did.

I prevented my kid brother from dropping out of high school. He went on to a career with the city of Durham. He thanked me later.

*Clinton C. High, U.S. Army ret.*
*Leesburg, Fla.*
*Haywood EMC*

### To stay on schedule

When I began to debate the prospect of returning to college at age 46, I said to my friend and advisor, "But I will be fifty when I finish school."

She replied, "You will be fifty anyway."

That remark put things into perspective for me. Time was going to go by, and I could make time out of what I thought was already a busy schedule, or I could just continue to wish for my degree and the age of 50 would come and go without any real educational accomplishments.

Although my life was very busy when I returned to college, I knew that I had done the right thing. I had all my courses marked as to when I would complete each one and how many hours I would have left at the end of each semester. Things were going according to schedule.

What was not on the schedule, however, was what I heard the week I began my last semester: I had cancer.

How would I be able to continue classes? I had four classes – 12 hours, and I shed many tears debating whether I should drop out while I could still get some of my tuition back. I never could bring myself to do this, so I just took the approach that I would see how things would go for me.

Although my hospital stay was extended from one week to one month, I knew that I somehow had to return to my classes. My husband drove me, and my classmates were wonderful. In addition to supporting me through prayers and cards, they took notes for me and assisted me in catching up on my schoolwork. My professors at Gardner-Webb University were understanding and very helpful, as well. I finished my classes in December, thanks to so many people who stood by me and helped me realize my dream.

*Bonnie R. Morgan*
*Morven*
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# McDowell County's "Mother of History" is now an author

*Nina Greenlee has taught school throughout the world for 70 years, but her heart belongs to McDowell County*

**By Robert L. Williams**

Nina Greenlee, sometimes referred to as "the mother of history" in McDowell County, has devoted a large part of her long and productive life to teaching. In fact, she recently retired from education in order to start a new career: writing. And already she has completed her first book.

Such a feat, normally, is not such a rarity, but Miss Greenlee taught until she was 95 years old and completed her first book at that same age.

"I didn't teach all of my adult life," Miss Greenlee said. "When World War II broke out, I enlisted in the United States Army, and I served in Italy until the war ended."

Miss Greenlee also came home and resumed her teaching career. She taught 10 years in McDowell County in the North Cove part of the county, 10 more years at Clinchfield, and additional years in the Azores, Spain and England before she returned home to McDowell County to resume her local teaching career.

She taught school for 70 years, but now, at the enthusiastic age of 95, she has turned her book over to a publisher and illustrator. She hopes that the book will be released in the summer of 2003.

I didn't set out to become a teacher in the first place," she said, "but when you complete your college education in the middle of the Great Depression, you take whatever job is available to you, and teaching was the one position that needed dedicated professionals. Even when I was little more than a child, I was fascinated by the history of the mountain people, of this entire nation, and of the world. I had relatives who loved history, and they saw to it that I was never at a loss for something educational to do with my time. No matter where I was, I wanted to understand the people of the world and their goals and aspirations. And there were plenty of surprises along the way."

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One of those surprises came while she worked in the paymaster's office in Italy with the Italian POWs. "When the war ended, the government began vacating Italy, and I moved to Trieste," she said. "There I met Frenchy Larue, one of the most surprisingly pleasant men I ever met. And then I learned that he had been the Number One hit man for Al Capone before Frenchy was deported."

In her life's work, Miss Greenlee met many celebrities and thousands of wonderful people as she traveled in Russia, Saudi Arabia, Germany, England, Norway, Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Greece, and other countries around the world. "I found that celebrities and common folks everywhere are as a rule pleasant," she said, "and I have found that my teaching in McDowell County, both as a young woman and now as an older member of the community, has been an endless series of rewards."

After she retired from public schools and military teaching, Miss Greenlee began teaching adult classes in the history of McDowell County. Working through the Continuing Education department at McDowell Technical Community College in Marion, she taught year-round for years, and every class filled almost as soon as the registration opened.

"And each class was a field trip," she said. "My teaching plans were built around trips to the Carson House in Marion, North Cove, Greenlee Station, Old Fort, Dysartsville, Montford Cove, Glenwood, Pleasant Gardens, Marion, and some of the old gold mines and graveyards. It is such fun to show people where the important events in regional history occurred.

And now I want the book to take up where I left off."

It'll never happen: no book can ever replace the Mother of McDowell history.

*A member of Rutherford EMC, Robert L. Williams has written more than 40 books. He lives in Upper Cleveland County with his wife, Elizabeth, and their son, Robert III, both of whom are writers and photographers.*

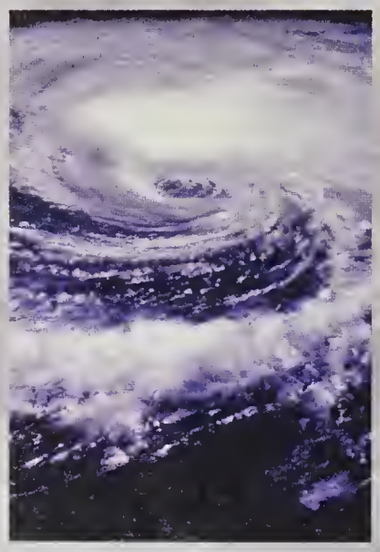
# BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER A STORM

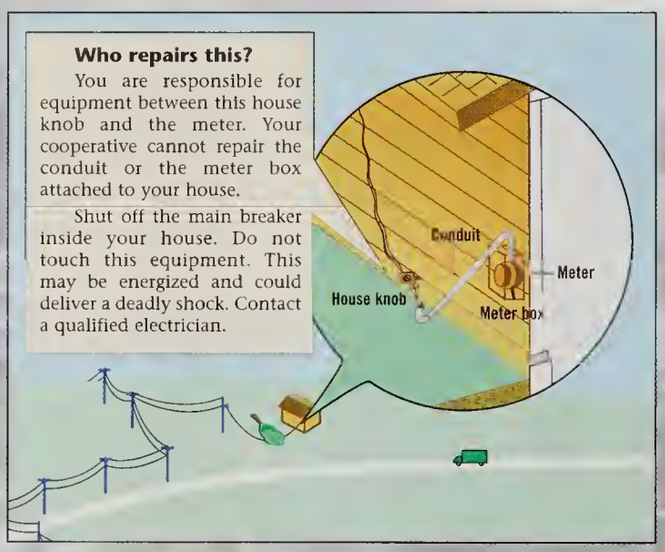
North Carolina's Touchstone Energy cooperative officials are prepared for what is predicted to be a busier than usual tropical weather season.

Forecasters from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration have predicted 11 to 15 tropical storms this season with six to nine of those storms developing into hurricanes. Of those, NOAA experts expect two to four of those hurricanes to be Category 3 or greater in strength. A Category 3 hurricane has a wind speed in the range of 111-130 miles per hour. Coastal communities in a Category 3 hurricane experience storm surge of 9 to 12 feet above normal.

North Carolina's electric cooperatives continue to upgrade their hurricane response and power restoration procedures. New technology has also aided improved response and recovery. After each major storm, cooperative personnel have fine-tuned their power restoration techniques based on real-time lessons learned in each weather event.

Here are some reminders from your electric cooperative and the National Hurricane Center, a division of the National Weather Service.

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You are responsible for equipment between this house knob and the meter. Your cooperative cannot repair the conduit or the meter box attached to your house.
Shut off the main breaker inside your house. Do not touch this equipment. This may be energized and could deliver a deadly shock. Contact a qualified electrician.
Conduit
Meter
House knob
Meter box

## BEFORE THE STORM

- Make sure flashlights, battery-powered lanterns or other sources of light are readily available.
- Make sure flashlight and radio batteries are fresh.
- Make sure you have an adequate supply of medicine, first aid supplies and baby items.
- Homeowners with wells should draw an emergency water supply in case power to their electric water pumps is interrupted.
- Keep a supply of bottled water, non-perishable food items, batteries and firewood on hand.
- Make sure that your pets are current on their vaccinations. Pet shelters may require proof of vaccines. Have a current photograph. Keep a collar with identification on your pet and have a leash and a muzzle on hand. Make sure you have your pet's medications.
- Consider moving yourself and your family – especially those with special needs – to an alternate location during an extended outage.
- If you evacuate, shut off your electricity at the breaker box.

## DURING THE STORM

- Get inside a building. Stay away from windows. Flying debris can cause injury.
- Do not use the phone or run water during lightning storms. Do not stand in water or take a bath or shower. Currents from lightning can enter through plumbing and phone lines.
- Don't open freezers and refrigerators any more than absolutely necessary.
- Listen to local radio stations for news about outages. Your electric cooperative makes a special effort to report the latest outage news to local radio stations and other media outlets.
- Turn off your heating and air conditioning systems. Unplug sensitive electronic appliances such as TVs, VCRs, microwave ovens and computers. This will protect your appliances against power fluctuations that can occur when power is restored.
- Turn off your electric range during a power outage. This may prevent possible damage if you're away when the power is restored.
- Wait five to 10 minutes before turning on appliances and heating systems after power is restored.

## AFTER THE STORM

- Check for electrical damage, such as frayed wires, downed power lines, sparks or the smell of hot or burned insulation. If you find such damage, don't turn your power on until service crews have made repairs.
- If power lines and poles are down in your yard or in the street, always treat them as if they were energized and dangerous. Never touch them! Stay away. Call your electric cooperative to report the location so repairs can be made as soon as possible.
- An electrician must repair damage inside your house. Your electric cooperative can only hook up power from the pole or underground line to your house. Co-op personnel cannot repair your fuse or breaker box or make repairs on or inside your house.
- If your electric service is out, check with your neighbors to see if they have power. If they do, you may have only a blown fuse or a tripped breaker. Never replace a fuse or reset a circuit breaker with wet hands or while standing on a wet (or even damp) surface.
- If you're without electricity and want to use a portable generator, make sure you use it in a well-ventilated area. Don't connect the generator to your home's electrical panel or fuse boxes. It may cause electricity to feed back into the power lines, which can endanger linemen and damage electric service facilities.
- If your power is out following a storm and you must cook food with Sterno or charcoal, remember to do so outside in a well-ventilated area. Cooking indoors with Sterno or charcoal will produce deadly carbon-monoxide fumes. Replenish your supplies of batteries, bottled water, non-perishable food items and firewood in preparation for future storms as soon as it's reasonably possible.
- Helping line crews is appreciated, but working with power lines and electricity requires a high degree of training. In order to restore power with the highest degree of safety, restoration must be accomplished in a certain order using specific procedures. Above all, the hard working men and women restoring your power appreciate your patience and understanding. They are doing everything they can to restore your power as quickly and safely as possible.

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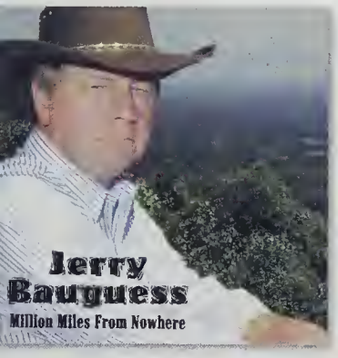


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Collectors may be also interested in the recently issued First Flight stamp that features the Wright Brothers' flyer, along with the words "Wright Brothers 1903." Visit www.usps.com or ask your local post office to obtain the First Flight stamp for you.

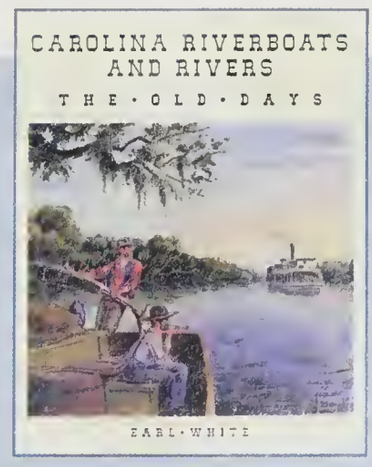
## Conserving land

Triangle Land Conservancy is a nonprofit group with a mission to create and protect open spaces. Staff and volunteers work with families and communities to identify and protect important farmland, forestland, stream corridors, wildlife habitat and natural areas in Chatham, Durham, Johnston, Lee, Orange and Wake counties. The Raleigh-based organization explores viable options including either the purchase or donation of land to Triangle Conservancy, easement donations and securing conservation through a state government partnership. TLC has protected 4,540 acres of sensitive lands and has transferred four tracts to governments for parks or greenways. Memberships start at $35 and include a quarterly newsletter and invitations to special events and members-only outings. TLC also holds workshops and hikes. Visit http://www.tlc-nc.org or call (919) 833-3662.

# ON THE BOOKSHELF

## Carolina Riverboats

River commerce has always played a vital role in the Carolinas. The men and women who battled pirates and steamed up and down rivers didn't keep detailed logs, and personal accounts are rare. Earl White's book, "Carolina Riverboats and Rivers: The Old Days," illuminates their old-time maritime journeys with first-hand accounts, photographs, vintage drawings, maps, advertisements, surveys and shipping logs. The book covers the early days of colonization to modern times, with chapters on early settlers, pole and flat boats, and steamboats. White, who lives in Denver, N.C., also discusses historical imports, and rivers and sounds. River Road Publishing in Denver, N.C. Softcover, 160 pages, $14. The book can be purchased online at www.amazon.com, at Barnes & Noble bookstores, or by emailing carolinarivers@aol.com.



# Bertie Scapes

## Art by Viola Lassiter Veale

Bits and pieces of Bertie County history come alive when Viola Lassiter Veale picks up a brush to mix acrylics. Her paintings recall African American history, landscapes, historic buildings and what she calls Bertie 'scapes.

The Windsor native is the daughter of a minister and grew up at a time when Sunday meant going to church and visiting family and friends in the afternoon. If weather permitted, people spilled into the yard and music filled the air. Usually enough hands could be found for a game or two of cards. Now many of those scenes have faded from the local landscape, but Veale wants her grandchildren to know about that kind of life and its ability to instill pride in their heritage.

Viola Veale married Robert Freeman and the couple had four daughters who went to college. When her husband was diagnosed with liver disease, she assumed the role of caregiver and administered 10 years of dialysis at home. It was during that time that Viola enrolled in art classes at Martin Community College. She initially considered the classes a way to combat stress, but talent emerged in a folk art style with bold colors and representational scenes.

Robert died in 1988 and she immersed herself in work as a dialysis technician. In 1990, she married James A. Veale, who encouraged her to rekindle her passion for painting. She also has been encouraged by Aulander artist Lib Nelson ("one of the best things that ever happened to me"), as well as Amy Castelloe of Bertie County Council on Aging, Roanoke-Chowan Herald News/Sports Editor Cal Bryant in Ahoskie and Phillips Photo Graphics Design of Murfreesboro.

Viola Veale has exhibited her work at various places around the state. For more information, contact Viola L. Veale at (252) 348-2998 or 227 Veale Field Road, Windsor, NC 27983.

*— Jeanette N. White*

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*Phil Woodall wrote about his platoon leader Gary Scott (above).*

# "Soldiers' Stories: War in the First Person"

An exhibit at the Charlotte Museum of History is touching the hearts of those of us with war on our mind. "Soldiers' Stories: War in the First Person" explores the deep and turbulent emotions evoked by battle. Visitors touring the multimedia exhibit listen to intimate letters written by or to North Carolina soldiers, hear taut radio broadcasts, and watch historic newsreels. "Soldiers' Stories" is on display through September 2004.

To give people a safe place to express their feelings without being judged, museum staff included a "magnetic word wall" that encourages visitors to post their thoughts about war. A map of the Middle East shows major sites for U.S. military personnel serving there, along with firsthand accounts from recently deployed soldiers. The self-guided exhibit is presented in Spanish and English.

The passionate letters, read in dramatic interpretation, reveal young and old from North Carolina caught in the perils of war, alternately gripped by despair and buoyed by hope. The sounds of popular singers Frank Sinatra, Tommy Dorsey, George Jones and Billy Joel add a bit of levity. "Not everything is deadly serious, even though the theme is. We didn't want to make it too dark," says Kris Carmichael, vice president for collections and exhibits at the museum.

Items that add ambience include period artifacts such as a Revolutionary War musket and powderhorn, Civil War bonnet, Vietnam-era POW uniform, Iraqi Republican Guard beret, POW-made Confederate items such as jewelry, and a silk survival map (fliers favored the detailed maps for their lightweight durability). Communication devices include a white goosefeather quill pen, vintage folding personal typewriter and today's PDA (personal digital assistant).

The emotional notes left in a comment book reveal a moved public. Carmichael says some visitors' notations seem to be written directly to loved ones. For example, "D.H.J." writes: "*My grandfather ... was a World War I veteran. Thanks Grandpa for the sacrifices you and all soldiers made!*"

"It's like they're reaching right across," Carmichael says. "We've gotten them thinking about individuals, and obviously they've having a very personal connection to the exhibit."

— *Karen Olson House*

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*The Charlotte Museum of History: 3500 Shamrock Dr., Charlotte. Tuesday–Saturday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; Sunday, 1–5 p.m.; Open Mondays from Memorial Day to Labor Day, call ahead for hours. Admission: $6 for adults; $4 for seniors and students; $2 for children ages 6–12. Sundays are free for everyone. Call (704) 568-1774 or visit www.charlottemuseum.org.*

## Excerpts from "Soldiers' Stories: War in the First Person"

### Phil Woodall — Vietnam, 1968

Private First Class Phil Woodall was 19 years old when he landed in Vietnam with the 101st Airborne Division in 1968. His war-time correspondence led him to become a writer. His work has been featured in the film "Dear America," as well as in the musical "Shrapnel in the Heart." He has published a book of poetry, "Rhymer in the Sunset," that is about his Vietnam experiences. In 1983, he established the Gary Scott Memorial Scholarship at the Syracuse University College of Environmental Science and Forestry, from which Lieutenant Scott had been the first black graduate.

*Dear Dad:*

*On Friday, March 29 in our AO just south of Hue near the ocean, we received small arms fire from a village. My platoon leader, Gary Scott, 2nd Lieutenant Infantry, a Negro from Rochester, New York, was killed. He was a fine man, a good leader, yet he could not understand the whys of this conflict which called him 10,000 miles from his home – this conflict which killed him. Why?*

*Fighting for a people who have no concern for the war, people he did not understand. Yet they will say he died for his country – keeping it free. Negative. This country is no gain that I can see. Tonight the nation mourns the death of Martin Luther King. Not me. I mourn the deaths of real leaders for peace. The people who give the real sacrifice. People like Lieutenant Scott.*

*Tonight the nation mourns Mr. King. They drink their cold beer, turn on their air conditioner and watch their TV. We who mourn the deaths over here will set up our ambushes, pull our guard and eat our C Rations.*

*I will probably get a bronze star. Lieutenant Scott will get a silver star. That will help me get a job someday and it's supposed to suffice for Lieutenant Scott's life.*

*I guess I'm bitter now Dad. This war is all wrong.*

*Your loving son,*
*Phil*

**Phil Woodall, 1968.**

**Robert and Jeanne Bush.**

### Robert Bush — World War II, 1943

Tech. Sgt. Robert "Bobby" Bush was born in Marion, N.C. and grew up in Morganton. He was an engineer with the 175th Engineers during World War II, serving in North Africa, Sicily and Italy. After the war he became an architect, and remained in the Army Reserves for 25 years. During their war-time separation, he and his wife, Jeanne Saunders Bush, wrote each other every single day. They were married 49 years until Mr. Bush's death in 1991.

*My Darling Wife:*

*Sometimes dearest, I get so blue and lonely that it seems as if nothing I do will help any. But then I think of the thousands of boys that are in worse places than I am and I feel kinda ashamed of myself. If my staying over here for a few months or years will help bring the war to a quicker end, I'm willing to stay darling.*

*I know it can't be very much longer until it will be over and then we can have a wonderful lifetime together. So darling, even though we can't be together, any time that you need me just hold out your hand and I'll clasp it across these many miles and be right beside you.*

*Goodnight my darling, God bless and keep you.*

*Always your own,*
*Bobby*

## Excerpts from "Soldiers' Stories: War in the First Person"

### Penelope Little Blount — War of 1812

Penelope Little Blount of Washington, N.C., was born in 1773. Her father was a captain in the Revolutionary War. She married into a wealthy, influential family with vast landholdings in North Carolina and Tennessee. One of her brothers-in-law, Willie Blount, was governor of Tennessee, and another was a U.S. Senator. She counted among her friends the First Lady of the United States, Dolly Madison of Guilford County, N.C., to whom this letter was written. Penelope was a recent widow with three children when she wrote this letter. Only one of her children would survive to adulthood.

*My Dear Friend:*

*We are in hourly expectation of the British coming up here. They have taken Portsmouth and Beaufort and are expected to attack New Bern and this place. They have landed 500 men .... The people are in the greatest distress moving themselves and families out of town. I shall leave this [place] tomorrow for Tarboro ... Poor Mr. Gaston has had the misfortune to lose his lady. She was so frightened – being in a family way – when she was told the British were coming up the river that she was taken with fits in which she never recovered.*

*Oh my friend, what distressing news this very moment! We have fresh news of the British depredations. It is now said there are 10 ships off the Bar. I am so frightened that I scarce can write. The men flying to arms and the drums beating. I am just going to start. I can stay here no longer. Please remember me to my friends.*

*Yours affectionately,*
*P.L. Blount*

*K.D.S. Pogue*

### K.D.S. Pogue — World War II, 1943

Captain King David Solomon Pogue was a chaplain for African–American units in the U.S. Army during World War II. He trained with the 92nd and 93rd infantries at Fort Huachuca, Ariz. He served in the 99th Coastal Artillery at Camp Davis near Wilmington, N.C., where he met his wife, Ruby Mitchell, who worked with the USO. This letter was written to the Johnson C. Smith University Bulletin in Charlotte for its 1943 commencement issue. He received his master's degree in divinity from the university. Rev. Pogue went on to serve many years as a minister, as well as a chaplain for the Veterans Administration, retiring from the Army Reserves as a lieutenant colonel. He died in 1990.

*Dear Friends:*

*Although I'd love to be among you now I know of nothing for which I would exchange my experiences. Out of chaos and adversity I have learned needed lessons for my soul. Life for me is now vastly richer than it was two years ago. Under conditions which I am now serving one truly learns the meaning of the word "minister." For here I am confronted daily with problems of the whole man.*

*I say to you, my friends on the home front, carry on. Preach the word. Keep 'em flying. Keep 'em rolling. Keep the light burning for one day some of us over here will return. And we want something to return to. We are confident that you are safeguarding what we've left behind. That something just and lasting will evolve we must believe, lest we despair of human nature.*

*Believe me faithfully yours,*
*K.D.S. Pogue*
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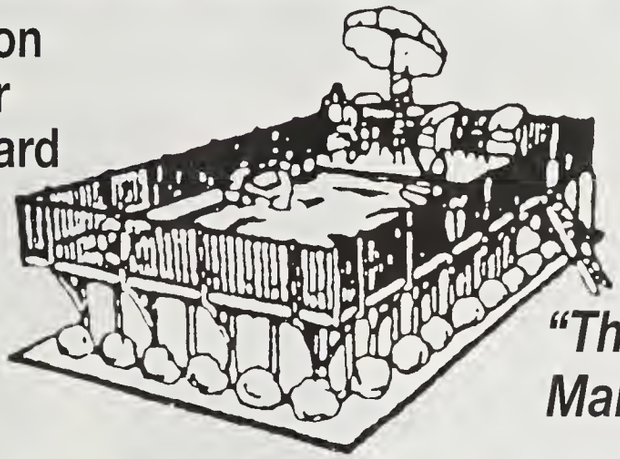

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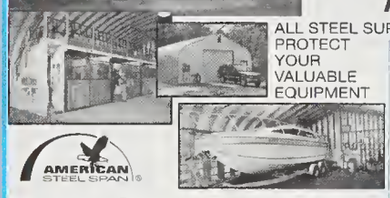

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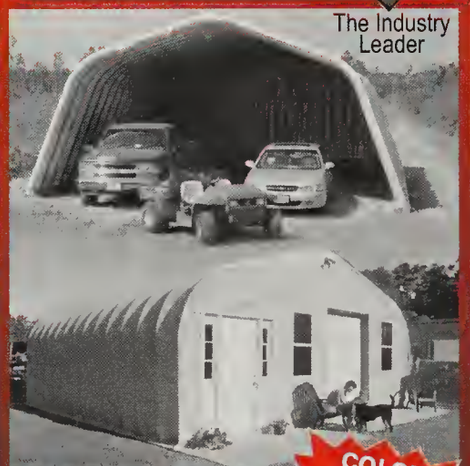

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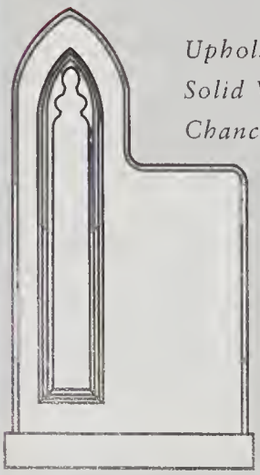

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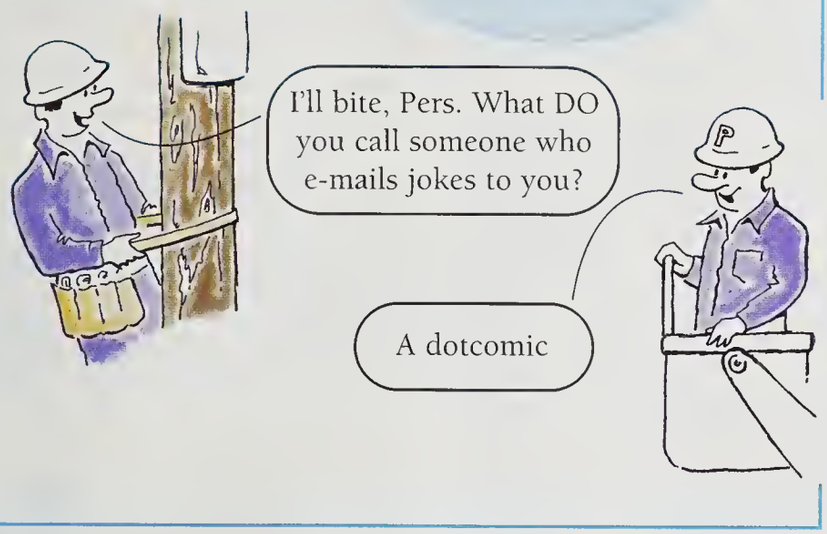


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He told "Cousin Sue" Tate, the perennial chairwoman of the chapter's program committee, that he could not possibly accept her invitation on such short notice, as he would have no time to think about what he would say.

As Ervin told it, Cousin Sue replied, "Any good Southerner ought to be able to make a speech on Jefferson Davis at any time, in any place, and on any occasion without any preparation. Besides, you don't need any time to think what you should say. I've heard you speak, and I know you speak without thinking."

He made the speech.

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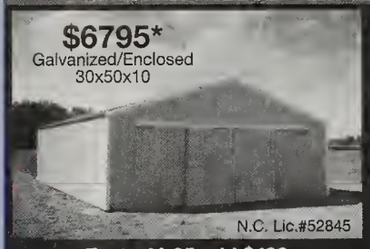

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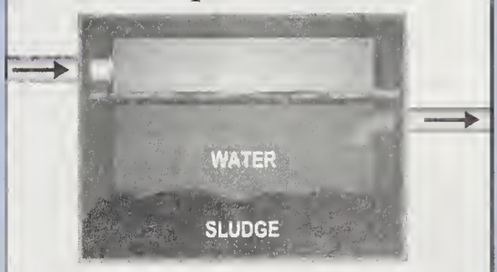


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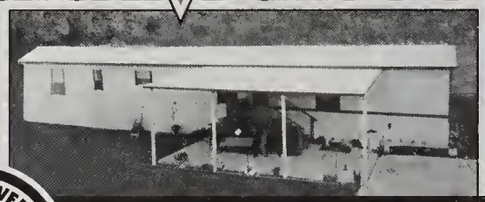

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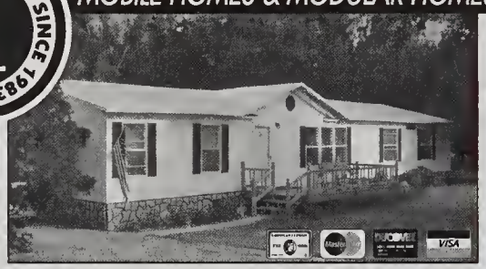

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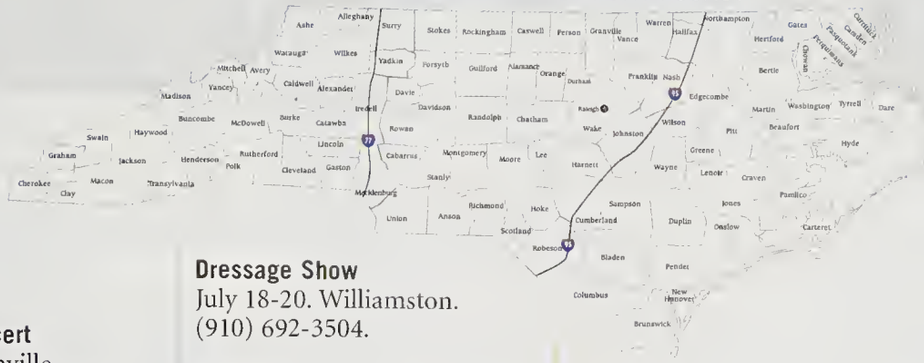

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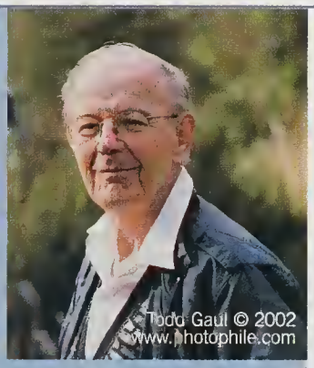


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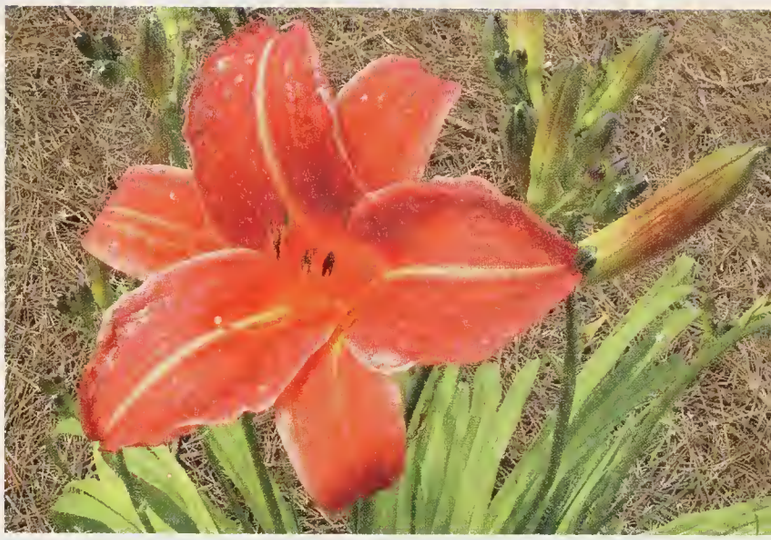
*Daylilies*

Daylilies have become the backbone perennial of a southern garden. They're at their best during hot summer months. Although most blooms last but a day, there are numerous flower bulbs on each stem with replacement flowers opening over a period of several weeks. By selecting early, mid-season and late varieties, you can have a succession of blooms throughout the season. Hems (daylilies) range in height from under a foot to more than seven feet. They offer a vast color range. Once established, they require very little attention.

*Summer's heat, coupled with dry spells, can present problems in gardens as well as lawns. Vegetable seeds for fall crops are planted now: cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, Brussels sprouts and lettuce. Roses need spraying to control blackspot, rust and powdery mildew. They need an inch of water each week if there is no rainfall. Lawns need to be watered for prolonged periods if there are no showers.*



***Daylilies are a popular perennial workhorse for North Carolina gardens. They require little effort once grown.***

## Increasing Azaleas

This is the month to root azaleas. Make cuttings 3 to 4 inches from the branch tip. Remove all but the top two leaves. Dip the cut end in Roottone, then stick it in rooting bed. The bed should be in filtered light or shade. Keep cuttings moist. Empty cans with drainage holes can be used. Put cans in the shade. Azaleas are not difficult to root and are a means of expanding your collection at the cost of only the Roottone. In a year or two the small plants will be ready to be moved to permanent sites.

## Perennials by Christmas

Many perennials can be started from seed at this time, yielding bloom color before Christmas. Plant the following perennials now for blooms next year: hollyhock, gaillardia, Shasta daisy and delphinium. Cool seeds of pansy, snapdragon and delphinium in your refrigerator crisper for seven to ten days before planting.

## Lawns Nature's Way

Using grass clippings as a source of fertilizer on lawns can save time and money, as well as help to protect the environment. Leaving grass clippings on the lawn can generate as much as 25 percent of a lawn's yearly fertilizer needs, and reduce the time and money spent bagging clippings. Lawns stay greener and healthier when clippings are left on them.

Mowing regularly allows clippings to quickly decompose and release nutrients to fertilize the grass. Mulching mowers tend to cut grass into finer pieces, allowing it to filter down among the standing grass plants. It's best to mow when the lawn is dry. Mow regularly with a sharp blade on the mower. Do not remove more than a third of the growth at one time. Sometimes, prolonged rains make it impossible to mow regularly. In these cases, raise the mower for the initial cutting and gradually lower the mower to its proper height on subsequent cuttings. If the grass is excessively tall, and clipped grass is too great an amount to leave on the lawn, clippings can be used to mulch trees and shrub beds.

## HORT shorts

- Cutting away spent flower heads not only improves the appearance of the flower garden, but yields more blooms. Dahlias, zinnias, marigolds, geraniums, purple coneflower, petunias, coreopsis, snapdragons and verbena are among plants that benefit from a trim. There is no need to deadhead impatiens and begonias.
- July and August are good months for lifting, dividing and transplanting irises. Also, lift and transplant oriental poppies that can be propagated via rooted cuttings.
- Constant harvesting of tomatoes, squash, cucumbers, and green beans encourages production.
- If mosquitoes attack you as you garden, leave off the perfume or aftershave and anoint yourself with a spray of insect repellent.
- Keep lawn and garden well watered. Sprinkling harms vegetation as it draws roots upward to get the meager drops. Roots need to anchor deeper to cooler depths.
- Tall-growing tomato plants produce best if tied to a wooden stake for support.
- For fall color, plant annuals and perennials.
- Proper fertilizing, water and mowing are essential for a good lawn.
- Deer, who often eat tender vegetation, can be repelled from home grounds by fishing line secured 8-to-10 feet from the ground.
- The best way to prevent weeds is to adhere to a good maintenance program.
- Check fruit trees weekly. Remove small fruit with worm holes.

# Wall finishing systems transform garages to living space

*Panels can enhance basements, too.*

*By James Dulley*

*Building a new garage and converting the old garage and basement to living space makes a lot of sense. It is less expensive overall to build a new brick, framed or block garage than to make a major room addition.*

You have many options for converting the basement and old garage, but whatever method you choose, you will have to add insulation to the walls. You may want to also insulate the floors. This is not only for your family's comfort and for lower utility bills, but the building codes in most areas will require a certain level (R-value) of wall insulation. Definitely check the codes and you may need a permit for the room conversions along with the one for the new garage.

The method you use to finish the basement walls will probably be different than for the garage. There are some very nice basement wall finishing systems available that include the insulation, attractive fabric-covered wall panels, and everything else for a finished room. The seams between the wall panels are covered with finishing strips so they look fine. This is the type of finishing system I plan to use in my basement when I convert one section into a home theater.

Write for (instantly download – www.dulley.com) Utility Bills Update No. 748 – list of 12 masonry wall or basement insulation system/material manufacturers showing material types, thickness, descriptions, and DIY instructions for making a movable insulating wall. Please include $3.00.

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These types of wall finishing systems are designed to handle the higher moisture content from basement (underground) walls, but they may work for aboveground applications too. The only problem may be that the aboveground insulation level required by code may be higher than for basements, so the system may not meet the code. Also the moisture barriers for basement applications may not be positioned properly for aboveground use in your area.

If you choose to do the wall insulation yourself instead of a preassembled system, you will probably have plenty of room in the basement for standard batt insulation. This is your lowest cost option. If space is limited, as in your old garage, and you need as much floor space as possible, use rigid foam insulation instead of batts.

Rigid foam insulation has about a 50 percent higher R-value per inch thickness, so the walls can be thinner and still meet code. Some rigid foam insulation sheets use a closed-cell material so they function well as the vapor barrier and will resist degradation by moisture or high humidity. Some types have special multi-layer moisture resistant coverings on each side so they can also be used in the basement. They are available from one-half to four inches in thickness.

Check your home center store for rigid foam panels with notched edges designed specifically for finishing masonry walls. These are ideal for your job because the notches allow the furring strips—thin wooden strips used for attaching paneling to other wall material—to be recessed into the panel for a smooth surface. This provides a good nailing base that is easy to finish and means there will be no breaks in the insulation. Most foam insulation should be covered with drywall for fire safety reasons, but again, check your local codes.

If you want to do the work yourself and your garage has a window, which you want to open at times, you might consider building movable wall insulation panels. These are very functional and efficient, and can be made to look attractive. This wall insulation method is also ideal for other rooms in your house, especially if you have an older house with true masonry walls, which are not insulated.

The basic design uses four decorative insulation panels. The two outer panels are fixed to the garage wall and the center ones slide open if you want to open the window for ventilation or light. Windows have low insulation value, so if you are not going to look outdoors or need natural light, it is better to have them covered with insulation. The panel frames are made of standard lumber and surround rigid foam insulation to compose the entire panel. Cover the panels with drywall for fire safety and then finish them with fabric, paint or wallpaper to match the room decor.

For most do-it-yourselfers, it is easier to hang the panels from the top (similar to sliding closet doors) rather than having them roll in tracks on the floor too, which would require more careful fitting. The small gap at the bottom will not be a major energy loser. However, installing a sealed bottom track would be more energy-efficient if the person can handle the more-detailed construction requirements. Space the outer two end panels out from the wall with tracks installed behind them for the inner panels to slide on. Caulk the fixed outer panels and weather strip the edges so they seal well against the movable panels when closed.

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*recipes editor,* **Jenny Lloyd**

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1 pint orange sherbet
Fresh mint, optional

Drain oranges, reserving the juice; add enough water to juice to measure 1 cup. Refrigerate the oranges. In a large bowl, dissolve gelatin in boiling water. Stir in reserved juice. Add sherbet, stirring until dissolved. Refrigerate for 1 hour or until thickened. Keep 10 orange segments refrigerated for garnish. Fold remaining oranges into gelatin mixture; cover and refrigerate overnight. Just before serving, garnish with reserved oranges and mint if desired.

Yield: 10 servings.

## Black Forest Ice Cream Pie

1 prepared chocolate crumb crust (9 inches)
3 ½ cups reduced-fat vanilla ice cream
1 cup reduced-sugar cherry pie filling
2 whole chocolate graham crackers, broken into bite-size pieces
1 cup fat-free hot fudge ice cream topping, warmed

Fill crust with scoops of ice cream. Top with dollops of pie filling. Insert graham cracker pieces between scoops. Invert plastic cover from crust and place over pie. Freeze for 2 hours or until firm. Remove from freezer 15-20 minutes before serving. Drizzle with fudge topping. Cut into wedges.

Yield: 8 servings.

## Mom's Special Occasion Ice Cream Cookie Dessert

1 package (18 ounces) Nestle Toll House Refrigerated Chocolate Chip Cookie Bar Dough
1 cup chopped walnuts
1 ½ tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
1 tablespoon brown sugar
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2 tablespoons butter or margarine
1 tablespoon vanilla extract
Half gallon vanilla ice cream, softened

Bake cookies according to package directions; remove to wire racks to cool completely. Chop cooled cookies into small pieces. In a small bowl, combine walnuts, butter and brown sugar. Pour into a greased 8-inch square baking pan. Bake at 375 degrees for 8-10 minutes; stir well. Cool completely in pan on wire rack. In a medium heavy-duty saucepan, combine evaporated milk, morsels, confectioners' sugar, baking bar and butter. Cook over medium-low heat, stirring occasionally, until chocolate is melted. Reduce heat to low; continue cooking, stirring occasionally, for 5-7 minutes or until thickened. Remove from heat. Stir in vanilla. Cool completely. To assemble, wrap outside of a 9 or 10 inch springform pan with foil. Spread one-third of crumbled cookies on the bottom of pan. Top with half of the ice cream and half of the chocolate sauce. Combine remaining crumbled cookies and walnut mixture in a medium bowl. Spread half of the cookie-walnut mixture over chocolate sauce. Reserve 2 tablespoons chocolate sauce. Top cookie-walnut mixture in pan with remaining ice cream, chocolate sauce and cookie-walnut mixture. Place remaining 2 tablespoons chocolate sauce in a small heavy-duty plastic bag. Cut a hole in corner of bag; squeeze to drizzle chocolate sauce over top of dessert. Freeze for at least 4 hours or overnight. To serve, let stand at room temperature for 20 minutes. Remove side of springform pan. Cut into slices.

Yield: 16 servings.

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***Guaranteed* Weight-Loss!**

Because this product is so incredibly effective... and... because it is natural and so safe... it is being sold with the most amazing guarantee in the world. Check this out: Take the product as directed and follow the simple instructions which come in the package. Then, just look in the mirror every day and see the visible results of unwanted fat... unwanted flab... unwanted cellulite... totally disappear... right before your very eyes! You will be totally thrilled with your safe, rapid and dramatic weight-loss. However, if you are not satisfied, simply return the empty product container with a short note about how you took the product (three times a day with water) and followed the simple instructions... and then... AVS Marketing (the only company authorized to sell this product in the U.S.) will send you... double your money back!

***"... just look in the mirror every day and see the visible results of unwanted fat... unwanted flab... unwanted cellulite... totally disappear... right before your very eyes..."***

**Adipose Tissue (Body Fat) Is Almost Immediately Destroyed And Flushed Right Out Of Your Body!**

Why does it work so fast? The secret is in the ingredients and the ingenious way they are combined. The main ingredient (the one from the Himalayan Mountains) maximizes and optimizes your body's natural metabolic process. Therefore, it promotes the utilization (burn-off rate) of body fat and prevents it from being stored.

Another works as an insulin mimic to normalize your blood sugar level. (Note: This is very important... because... it is a low blood sugar level which eauses intense food cravings.)

Another ingredient is a potent antioxidant which enhanecs your immune system and provides "insurance" your metabolism remains at a continuously high level.

The other ingredients influence the thyroid gland, assist in vitamin and mineral absorption and reduce cravings for sugar and fatty foods.

And, guess what? This is not a 10-day guarantee. This is not a 30-day guarantee. This is not a 90-day guarantee. No. This is a Lifetime guarantee!

How can AVS Marketing make such a guarantee? How can they offer a Lifctime... double-your-money-back... guarantee?

Well, you can only make this type of guarantee... if... you are 100% certain... your product is going to... almost force... people to losc every single pound of all their excess weight.

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The name of this product is the "Himalayan Diet Break-through" and, it is easy to order. All you have to do is call 1-866-202-3837 ext. 5008 and order with your credit card. By the way, this is a toll-free number (it won't cost you a penny) and you can call anytime... 24-hours per day... 7-days a week.

*"I lost 53 pounds in just 47 days!"*

*"After using the **Himalayan Diet Breakthrough** for just 47 days, I went down to a size 6!"*

*"Taking this weight off got rid of my depression and made me feel and look younger. It was so simple to follow this fast and easy plan... plus... I think it has added years to my life. I am now working as an International Fashion Model and more jobs are coming in every day. Thank God for this wonderful, new product."*

**Rachel Barrington**
**Model & TV Personality**

**Supply Options:** $39.95 for a 30-day supply. $69.95 for a 60-day supply (you save 12.5%)... or... a full 90-day supply for only $97.97 (you save 18.3%). Whatever quantity you choose, you must include $5.95 per order for standard delivery and handling arriving in 3-4 weeks. Add only $5.00 and your Himalayan Diet Breakthrough will be shipped within 24 hours via United States Postal Service Priority Mail arriving as fast as 5-7 business days (sometimes even sooner). There is an enormous demand for this product...if our phone lines are busy...please keep calling back.

Thank you.

## 1-866-202-3837
## Ext. 5008

Charge to your credit card or...
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**13941 Fairhaven Rd.**
**P.O. Box 488, Dept. 5008**
**Thomson, IL 61285**

P.S. You should not order a 90-day supply... unless... you need to lose more than 50 pounds.

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